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SUBJECT: ATT EFFORTS TO COLLECT DEBT FOR US-ZAIRE TELEPHONE

**SERVICE** 

**REF: STATE 229946** 

- 1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON CAPTAIN BUFENDA, COUNSELOR OF ONPTZ (OFFICE NATIONALE POST AND TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS ZAIRE), SEPTEMBER 28 RE THE ATT EFFORTS.
- 2. BUFENDA PRELIMINARILY REPLIED THAT ONPTZ HAD AN ARRANGEMENT WITH CITIBANK TO TAKE CARE OF THIS DEBT. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT COULD HAVE GONE WRONG BUT WILL FOLLOW UP ON IT AND INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE RESULTS. WHEN ASKED FOR A FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT, CAPT. BUFENDA SUGGESTED THAT EMBOFFS COULD RETURN IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS SINCE HE ANTICIPATED BEING AWAY DURING SOME OF THE INTERVENING TIME.
- 3. COMMENT: EMB UNAWARE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ARRANGEMENT WITH CITIBANK AND WILL TRY TO CHECK IT OUT. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT GOZ CAN MEET THE JANUARY 1 DEADLINE. IT BOILS DOWN TO A QUESTION OF PRIORITIES FOR THE AVAILABLE FOREIGN EXCHANGE. CONSIDERING THE SQUEEZE IN SUPPLIES OF GASOLINE, PHARMACEUTICALS AND FOODSTUFFS, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THEY WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAKE THE ALLOCATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ABOVE. HOWEVER PREDICTING IS A RISKY BUSINESS HERE AND IT BETTER TO AT LEAST WAIT OUR SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH CAPT. BUFENDA. CUTLER

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